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time. Because I can think of a large number of programs myself that I don't really want to spend money on, but I'm not going to go in there and even suggest to my colleagues in the Appropriations Committee that we wipe out, entirely, funding for a particular program simply because I don't like it, or I couldn't get my colleagues to change the law so I'm just going to steal the money. So I hope you all are not infatuated by this way of doing business because it sets a very bad precedent to start with, and it's a precedent that will be noted, of course. Thank you.

SENATOR HARTNETT PRESIDING

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I stand in opposition to the Smith amendment and for all the reasons that Senator Beutler just outlined. But in addition, having discovered the amendment here, I called Accountability to see if they were aware of the amendment. And Frank Daley is out of town. I think the timing is terrible, and I'm not going to support this either. I do think, regardless of what Senator Beutler said, it wouldn't be the first time that this body took money away from an agency that was still in statute, but I think it's a terrible way to do business, and I would much prefer that we depend on that interim study and come back to address the issue again next year. So with that, Mr. President, I will return the rest of my time to the Chair.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Beutler, you're next. Senator Beutler waives. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, very briefly, Mr. President. May I ask Senator Smith a question?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Was this a bill with a hearing? I just want...